

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated August 9, 2007, and in accordance with the telephone interview courteously granted on December 6, 2007. Claims 23, 29, 35, 41, 45, 50, 54, 58 and 62 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is submitted with this Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for all fees due in connection with this Response.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 23, 27, 29-30, 33, 35-36, 38, 40-42, 45-46 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,439,993 to O'Halloran ("O'Halloran"). Applicant refers to the rejected claims 23-65 as "Prior Claims." Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses such rejection. Based on Applicant's review, the Office Action did not fully address the selection elements of Applicant's Prior Claims. Applicant submits that O'Halloran does not disclose such elements of such Prior Claims as such elements are coupled to each other throughout the claim language.

Amendments

Despite such traversal, and in accordance with the interview, Applicant has amended independent claims 23, 29, 35, 41, 45, 50, 54, 58 and 62 to advance the prosecution of this application.

Independent claims 23, 29 and 35 recite "... the at least one selection occurring separate from a selection, if any, of any of the pay lines"

Independent claim 41 recites "... the selection occurring separate from a selection, if any, of any pay lines . . ."

Independent claim 45 recites "... the selection of the at least one location occurring separate, if any, of any of the pay lines . . ."

Independent claim 50 recites "... the at least one selection occurring separate from a selection, if any, of any pay lines . . ."

Independent claims 54, 58 and 62 recite “. . . the at least one selection occurring separate from a selection, if any, of any pay lines . . .”

O'Halloran does not disclose the foregoing elements of such claims.

In addition, Applicant made certain amendments for purposes of claim language clarity in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. For example, Applicant added certain display device elements to certain independent claims, and Applicant corrected “display device” to “input device” for independent claim 62.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 24-26, 28, 31-32, 34, 37, 39, 43-44, 47 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over O'Halloran in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art. The Office Action rejected claims 50-51, 54-56 and 58-65 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as upatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,251,013 to Bennet (“Bennet”) in view of O'Halloran. The Office Action rejected claims 52-53 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Bennet in view of O'Halloran and Applicant Admitted Prior Art. Such rejected claims are patentably distinguished over the prior art for reasons similar to those submitted with respect to amended independent claims 23, 29, 35, 41, 45, 50, 54, 58 and 62 and are in condition for allowance.

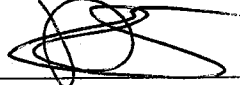
For all of the reasons provided above, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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